

SELECTMEN'S AGENDA AND MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2011

1. Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present were Yves Daigle, Scott Dunn, Jacques Couture, Richard Degre, MaryLou Jacobs, LaDonna Dunn, Yvan LaPlume, Rick Danforth, Mike Piper, Marielle, Tetreault, Dennis Neumann, Richard Shover, Shana Stewart-Deeds, Dianne LaPlante and Connie LaPlume

2. Review minute of last meeting.

Minute were read, and accepted as read. Motion by Jacques, seconded by Richard

3. Shana Stewart – Deeds

Shana did a presentation on the Wild and Scenic River Designation. She stated there are 10 towns involved with representation from each town. Currently it is in the study stage. What is designation- the National Wild and Scenic Act protects Rivers.

The benefits of being designated Wild and Scenic are

A. Funding.

B. Prestige

C. ability to apply for grants

Shana stated that no land owner will lose any rights, and nothing changes in the ownership of the property.

4. Dennis Neumann – Super fund Lowell Mines

There was a meeting held July 26th in Lowell. Dennis said there were representatives from the EPA board that conducted the meeting. Dennis felt the local people present were not appreciative of any input from the EPA. They (the residents) do not want any assistance from the Super Funds.

According to Dennis, the Lowell Mines is in violation of the clean water act.

In order for the Super Funds to be available, Lowell and Eden has to approve the request.

If Lowell and Eden approve the need for Super Funds, Governor Shumlin will put in the request.

Dennis said that if people would put their composting on the site, foliage will grow to help cover the site. He said that some composting has been done, and foliage is growing. He said that some berm work is being done.

The board thanked Dennis for keeping the town updated on what is being done.

5. Marielle Tetreault – Librarian

Marielle was present to discuss a change in the hours at the Library/Museum. She felt that it might be beneficial to increase the current hours from 6 hours per week to 15 hours per week. Adding Tuesday 11:00 – 5:00, changing Thursday from 1:00-5:00 to 11:00-5:00 and changing Saturday from 10:00-12:00 to 9:00 to 12:00.

Marielle stated that Saturday's are very slow, and Thursday's are busy. She felt opening on Tuesdays would increase the usage of the building.

LaDonna suggested promoting the new hours at Jay fest day on August 13th.

The board suggested keeping a log of visitors. Jacques suggested we increase the hours as follows: Tuesday – 1:00 – 5:00 and Thursday 1:00 – 5:00, closing on Saturday. This would change open from 6 per week to 8 per week. He also suggested purchasing a “sandwich” sign to place outside stating Museum/Library open. This suggestion became a motion by Jacques, seconded by Richard and Yves agreed.

Richard D stated the board would like a periodic review to keep track of the status of usage of the building.

6. Toilet – Museum and Library

Yves had a quote from Rondeau's for putting a restroom in the basement at the Library/Museum. This was the only quote. The quote was for \$2,500. Motion by Richard D and Jacques agreed for Rondeau to install the toilet and sink.

One sheet of sheet rock will have to come down in order to do the installation.

7. Recycling – update

At the July meeting, Yves passed out paperwork explaining what the town can recycle for electronics that we can be reimbursed for. The people present found these two sheets confusing. Yves explained that even though all the electronics were on both sheets, only the sheet with the limited electronics are the ones that refundable. The town will be paid 5 cents per pound for the electronics on that page.

The hazardous waste event was held in Westfield on Saturday August 6th. Paul Tomasi was present to oversee the day. He (Paul Tomasi) asked Yves if the event could be held in Westfield again next year. North Troy/Troy has stated they do not want to hold the event at their site.

The board felt holding the event in Westfield is a good idea. Yves will let Paul Tomasi know.

8. Late filing of homestead declarations

This article is tabled pending more study by the board.

9. Quote – town garage repairs

Yves had a quote for the materials for the ceiling for the garage. The quote was for \$1,525.23. This covered 125 bags of insulation at \$1,368.75, Rafter vents, 50 at \$1.41 each for a total of \$70.50, and 2 rolls of un-faced insulation at \$85.98.

The Chimney quote is \$2,116.11. This is for two chimneys. One is for the oil furnace and one is for the wood stove.

The wood furnace is for back up only. The wood is free from roadside work. But the board feels it is necessary in case of a power outage.

The furnace is a hot air Williamson. The quote is for \$7,668 installed.

It was felt that another quote should be acquired. The select board will look into getting another quote.

10. Appoint someone to do the work at the garage.

Yves felt that if he is going to be doing the work at the Town Garage, it should be by motion of the board.

Motion by Richard D and second by Jacques for Yves to do the carpentry work necessary at the garage in order to bring the building up to the standards required by the insurance company. It will be Yves choice who he has help him complete the job.

11. Danforth fence.

The fence is on Danforth's property and is owned by the Danforth's. The board wanted this clarified. The meeting held on July 11, 2011 didn't clarify that. A check for ½ the cost of the fence was given to Rick at the meeting to cover the town's share.

12. Other business

Richard Shover was present to discuss two letters he received from Sandy Snyder. Sandy would like to use the basement of the museum on an ongoing basis to teach nutrition education. She would also like to have a room built on the back of museum to be used by her for educational purposes.

Richard will respond to her letter.

13. To adjourn

Motion by Richard D 2nd by Jacques to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes taken by Connie LaPlume, CVC of Westfield

Yves Daigle – chair

Jacques Couture

Richard Degre